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Application No. 09/889,241-Conf. #8879		Filing Date July 13, 2001	Examiner W. D. Griffin	Art Unit 1764
Applicant(s): Hiroki KOYAMA et al.				
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STRIPPING SULFUR-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS Invention: FROM HYDROCARBON FEED STOCK IN HYDROREFINING OF PETROLEUM DISTILLATES				
MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.				
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_____ Marc S. Weiner Attorney Reg. No.: 32,181			Dated: August 24, 2005	
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